

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SALWA SANANY ALABALI, ET AL.,

No. C-06-05787 SBA (JCS)

Plaintiff(s),

v.

**NOTICE OF REFERENCE AND ORDER
RE DISCOVERY PROCEDURES**

RITE AID CORPORATION,

(E-FILING CASES)

Defendant(s).

TO ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD:

The above matter has been referred to the undersigned for all discovery matters. Please be advised that if a specific motion was filed before the District Court **prior to this referral**, the noticed date may no longer be in effect. All hearing dates are subject to the availability of the Court's calendar. Please contact the Courtroom Deputy, Karen Hom, at (415) 522-2035, to confirm or, if necessary, reschedule a hearing date. Regardless of whether the Court reschedules a hearing date, all opposition and reply papers shall be timely filed according to the originally noticed hearing date, pursuant to Civil L. R. 7-3.

LAW AND MOTION PROCEDURES

Civil law and motion is heard on Friday mornings, at 9:30 a.m., in Courtroom A, 15th Floor, United States District Court, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California.

In the event a **discovery dispute** arises, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that before filing any discovery motion before this Court, the parties must comply with the following:

1. Lead trial counsel for both parties must meet and confer *in person* regarding the matter(s) at issue. This meeting shall occur after other efforts to resolve the dispute,

1 such as telephone, e-mail, teleconference, or correspondence, have been unsuccessful.
2 Once those efforts have proved unsuccessful, any party may demand a meeting of
3 lead trial counsel to resolve a discovery matter. Such a meeting shall occur within ten
4 (10) business days of the demand. The locations of the meetings shall alternate. The
5 first meeting shall be at a location selected by counsel for Plaintiff(s). If there are any
6 future disputes, the next such meeting shall be held at a location to be determined by
7 counsel for Defendant(s), etc.

8 2. Within five (5) business days of the in-person meeting between lead trial counsel
9 referred to above, the parties shall jointly file a detailed letter with the Court, which
10 will include the matters that remain in dispute, a detailed substantive description of
11 each side's position on each such issue, and a description of each side's proposed
12 compromise on each such issue.

13 3. After the Court has received the joint letter, the Court will determine what future
14 proceedings, if any, are necessary.

15 A party or counsel has a continuing duty to supplement the initial disclosure when required
16 under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(e)(1).

17 Law and motion matters may be submitted without argument upon stipulation of the parties
18 and notification of the Court no later than 4:30 p.m. the day before the hearing. Pursuant to Civil
19 L. R. 7-7(e), filed motions may be withdrawn without leave of the Court, within seven (7) days of
20 the date for service of the opposition. Thereafter, leave of the Court must be sought.

21 All filings of documents relating to motions referred to the undersigned shall list the civil
22 case number and the district court judge's initials followed by the designation "(JCS)."

23 **ELECTRONIC FILING AND COURTESY COPIES**

24 Please refer to Civil L. R. 5-4 and General Order No. 45 for the Northern District of
25 California for information relating to electronic filing procedures and requirements. All documents
26 shall be filed in compliance with the Civil Local Rules. Documents not filed in compliance with
27 those rules will not be considered by the Court.
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1 BEFORE NOON ON THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY FOLLOWING THE ELECTRONIC
2 FILING, THE PARTIES ARE REQUIRED TO LODGE DIRECTLY WITH CHAMBERS ONE
3 CONFORMED, **PAPER** COPY OF EACH DOCUMENT, WHICH IS TO BE DESIGNATED
4 **"JCS'S CHAMBERS' COPY."**

5 The failure of counsel or a party to abide by this Order may result in sanctions pursuant to
6 Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(f).

7 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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9 Dated: March 20, 2007


10 JOSEPH C. SPERO
11 United States Magistrate Judge
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